

# Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

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The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine  
Governor  
Patrick Henry Building, Third Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Governor Kaine:

On behalf of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, we want to convey our gratitude for your responsiveness to the concerns of the local governments with regard to House Bill 3202.

In our meeting with you on March 7, and in our subsequent letter of March 15, we expressed our grave concerns with key aspects of the regional component of the measure as approved by the General Assembly. As we told you, the Northern Virginia plan submitted to you was simply not workable, and would not be implemented by the region. Local government leaders were united in asking you to submit amendments to the legislature.

Your proposed modifications to the bill are clearly reflective of the concerns we expressed to you, and we believe they may open the way toward meaningful action on transportation in Northern Virginia. The resulting legislation is by no means perfect, and will not address all the transportation problems of our region and the Commonwealth, but it will enable us to move ahead on vitally-needed transportation improvements.

We believe that this is a time to be pragmatic, to accomplish what is possible now and go forward. We simply cannot afford to wait any longer for the ideal legislative resolution of our transportation finance crisis. The economic vitality of Northern Virginia, and therefore of the Commonwealth, is at risk if we do not begin making critical investments now.

We will urge the General Assembly to act expeditiously to adopt the amended legislation you are submitting and we are supporting.

Once again, we thank you for your efforts to move Virginia forward on transportation, and for your close attention to the concerns of the local governments on whom the responsibility for implementing these actions ultimately fall.

Sincerely,

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